ment has been drawn to the news item captioned "Move to oppose environ 'hegemony" appearing in the Hindustans Times dated February 2,1992:

(b) whether India and other developing countries are evolving a common strategy to oppose the hegemony of the developed countries when they meet for the earth summit to discuss issues relating to environment and development;

(c) if so, the details thereof: and

(d) the details of the proposals formulated by India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The news item captioned "Move to oppose environ 'hegemony", was published in the Hindustan times on February 24, 1992.

(b) to (d). On the major issues related to environment and development, the developing countries including India have been meeting frequently in various forums to discuss and evolve a common approach. Examples are the New Delhi meeting of April, 1990 and the Beijing meeting of June 1991. A copy of the Beijing Ministerial Declaration has been placed in Parliament Library for ready reference. In addition, consultations are carried out on a regular basis in forums such as the Group of 77. India has throughout participated in such deliberations and has contributed towards the development of the approach/stand of the developing countries.

[*Translation*]

Hindi Prachar Sabha Institutions in South India

5445. SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindi Prachar Sabha Institutions in Southern India and the number of the employees working therein;

(b) whether any institution for higher studies and research work has been set up under the Sabha for the post graduate studies, teaching and research purpose;

(c) the number of such institutions in Southern India and the places where they have been set up;

(d) whether employees working in these institutions are being paid the scales approved by UGC;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, which is a institution of national importance declared by an Act of Parliament has been working for the promotion, development and advancement of Hindi Language in Southern India.

The Sabha has set up an Uchch Shiksha Aur Shodh Sansthan for undertaking Post Graduate studies, teaching and research, at four Centres at Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Dharwad (Karnataka), Ernakulam (Kerala) and Madras (Tamil Nadu).

Information about number of employees working in the Sabha is not available.

(d) and (e). According to the information available, faculty members working in the above-mentioned four Post Graduate Centres of the rank of Professors, Readers and Lecturers are being paid according to the scales approved by UGC.

(f) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Seminar on Pollution Control in River Cities

5346. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government inaugurated a four days Seminar at Varansi on 'Pollution control in river cities of India - case study of Ganga' on January 14, 1992; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the observations and suggestions made at the seminar for cleaning the Ganga speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). A Seminar on 'Pollution Control in river cities of India-case study of Ganga' was organised by Sankat Mochan Foundation which is a Non-Government organisation from 14 to 17 January, 1992. It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Water Resources and was attended by participants from India and abroad. The observations/recommendations of the seminar include"

(i) Water quality along bathing areas of the ghats at Varansi does not meet the current bacterial and BOD water quality standards at present.

(ii) The urgent need to Ganga follow up the activities under taken in Phase I of the Action Plan.

(iii) Early commission of sewage treatment plants at Dinapur and increase of treatment plant capacity at Banaras Hindu University, Diesel Locomotive Works and Dinapur.

(iv) Construction of a bypass interception or other appropriate facilities needs to eliminate overflows into the river.

(v) Compilation of pumping rates, pumping volumes and maintenance records of the existing pumping stations on a monthly bases.

(vi) Proper attention to be paid for operation and maintenance of the facilities set up under Ganga Action Plan.

The matter has been taken up with the Government of U.P. for follow up action on the above recommendations.

Committee to Improve Health Services in Capital

5347. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any expert committee has been set up to improve the health services in the Capital;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the committee; and

(d) the reasons of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI